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SUBJECT: TURKEY: NO GREEN ENERGY INVESTMENTS IN STIMULUS  
PACKAGES

REF: A. STATE 26022

[1](#)B. ANKARA 118

[1](#)C. ANKARA 297

[1](#)D. ANKARA 313

[1](#)1. (U) Although Turkey has now passed two major stimulus packages (see reftels), neither contained any major initiatives on green investment. Despite some expectation that they would include tax incentives for automotive firms researching clean technologies and retail tax incentives for consumers purchasing green vehicles, neither proposal made it into the legislation. The upcoming third package is expected to focus on credit guarantees and temporary VAT cuts to spur consumption.

[1](#)2. (U) The GOT did grant an amnesty on taxes and fines for people who trade-in vehicles older than 30 years for a new car, partially with the intent of removing high-emission vehicles from the road, but more as a means to spur new car purchases. The success of this plan has been limited, for reasons outlined in Ref C. More successful has been the temporary removal of the special consumption tax on new vehicles (Ref D), which has sparked a sharp uptick in new vehicle sales and will tangentially help replace older vehicles with newer, low-emission models. Again, the goal was less to help the environment than to spur the automotive industry, and if there is a net gain in overall cars on the road the emissions picture may actually worsen.

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